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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/867,944	DANKER ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Jeffrey C. Pwu	2143

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2004.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7,9-35 and 37-39 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) 1-7,9-25,30-35 and 37-39 is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 26-29 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Lemmons et al. (US 6,442,755).

Lemmons et al. disclose claims :

26. In a network system including at least two network devices network connectable so as to be capable of performing electronic mail operations, one of the at least two network devices being a television, a method for users of the at least two network devices to communicate via electronic mail, the method reducing the amount of input required by the users, the method comprising:

a first network device receiving a first electronic mail message; (26; col.5, lines 51-60) automatically, and without user intervention, extracting one or more language expressions associated with the first electronic mail message; (abstract; "VIDEO AND DATA IN")

displaying one or more language expressions associated with the first electronic mail message at the first network device; (50)

receiving a user selection of one or more of the language expressions displayed at the first network device; and (col.6, line 43-col.47)

including the selected language expressions in a reply electronic mail message to the first electronic mail message. (English)

27. The method as recited in claim 26, wherein receiving a first electronic mail message on a first network device comprises the following: a television set top box receiving a first electronic mail message. (28)

28. The method as recited in claim 26, wherein displaying one or more language expressions associated with the first electronic mail message at the first network device comprises the following: displaying one or more language expressions associated with the first electronic mail message on a video display associated with a television. (col.6, line51-col.8, line 10)

29. The method as recited in claim 26, wherein receiving a user selection of one or more of the language expressions displayed at the first network device comprises the following: receiving a user selection of one or more language expressions displayed on a video display associated with a television. (fig.1)

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-7, 9-25, 30-35, and 37-39 allowed.

***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, 9-35, 37-39 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
  
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey C. Pwu whose telephone number is 571-272-6798. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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May 11, 2005

**JEFFREY PWU  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**